

Remarks:

Claims 13-21, 23 and 24 are pending. Claims 13-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claim 23 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 24 is subject to an objection under 35 C.F.R. § 1.75(c).

The Office Action suggests amendments to claims 13, 23 and 24 to overcome the aforementioned claim rejections and claim objection. Applicant expresses its appreciation for the suggested amendments, and the effort made toward advancing this prosecution. Claims 13, 23 and 24 have been modified to adopt the proposed amendments. In addition, dependent claims have been amended to address informalities related to form. Therefore, the application is believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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